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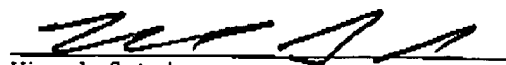
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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments below. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge a one-month extension of \$110.00 and a \$330.00 fee for a Notice of Appeal, totaling \$440.00 to Deposit Account No.50-1063 [ALBRP181US].